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The present application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 10/201,211 filed on July 22, 2002, which is a continuation-in-part of (1) U.S. Application No. 08/816,921 filed on March 13, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,456,709, and (2) U.S. Application No. 09/520,306 filed on March 7, 2000. The specification has been amended to reflect such a priority claim.

Applicants have cancelled claims 1-38. Claims 39-54 have been added which are drawn to various aspects of the invention.

In addition, applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (3 pages). Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d), copies of these references are not enclosed as they were previously cited by or transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the parent and grandparent applications identified above. It is respectfully requested that the listed references be made of record in the present application.

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